PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Tuesday the 23rd July 1946/7th Karkatagam 1121.

The House assembled in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, at eleven of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., LL. D., Dewan-President, in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:

1. Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar. (*Inspector-General of Police*).
2. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Ayyar (*Conservator of Forests*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Trivandrum Aerodrome.

1. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to State:

(*a*) the amount originally sanctioned by Government for the construction of the Trivandrum Aerodrome;

(*b*) the total amount spent on the above work up to 15-11-1121;

(*c*) the portion of the work finished up to 15-11-1121;

(*d*) when was the work started;

(*e*) when was the sanction for the Trivandrum Aerodrome accorded by Government; and

(*f*) whether the sanction for the construction of an Aerodrome at any other place in Trivandrum Taluk was accorded by Government and if so when and the amount?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Rs. 6 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 4·56 lakhs.

(*c*) A full runway capable of taking the largest capacity planes, 1540 yards long and half of a second similar runway 1500 yards long have been metalled. The whole of the second runway and 3/4 of the other have been gravelled for a base coat.

(*d*) At the close of November 1945.

(*e*) 6-12-1945.

(*f*) No such sanction was given.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know from the honourable member whether this work has been included in the budget for 1121?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The necessity arose only after the budget was passed.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know what the urgency was due to?

PRESIDENT: I shall explain it to the honourable House. There were negotiations between the Governments of Mysore, Cochin and Travancore with regard to the opening of the service, and the Government of India's intervention was also required. Further negotiations were pending between the Tata Company who are running a trunk air service from Karachi to Colombo and also from Karachi to Peshawar and Karachi to Calcutta. In order to dovetail our arrangements with those of the all India air service, arrangements were completed and as soon as they were completed, naturally, the time was fixed for the 1st October, and therefore the urgency arose.

Trivandrum Aerodrome.

2. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*); Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total estimated cost of the Trivandrum Aerodrome works;

(*b*) what is the total expenditure incurred so far on this work;

(*b*) whether the departmental coolies, maistries and steam rollers were taken off from the P. W. D. divisions throughout the State causing much hindrance even to the normal works in those divisions;

(*d*) for what period these coolies, maistries and steam rollers were actually engaged for the aerodrome works;

(e) what special staff was appointed for this work and what was the period for which this special staff was appointed at first and

(*f*) whether there was any extension of service to this special staff thereafter and if so for what period?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) Rs. 12 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 4,56,000 to end of 15-11-1121.

(c) Some departmental coolies were taken for about three weeks to enable the work to have a good start until fresh labour became available. A few departmental steam rollers were also diverted to this work during summer months when they are not ordinarily used to roads as no consolidation work is then possible.

(*d*) Coolies for about 3-4 weeks.

Rollers for about 5 months.

(*e*) One P. W. D. Division with the requisite staff for four months.

(*f*) Yes. From 9-8-1121 to 31-12-1121.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know the rate of wages for a cooly employed in the works?

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